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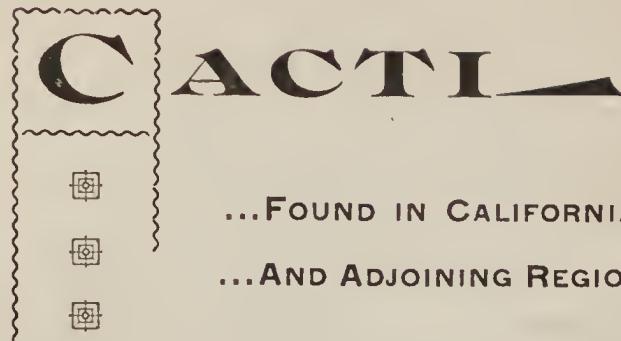


OPUNTIA BASILARIS ALBAFLORA.

(*White-flowered Basilaris.*)

PRICE LIST.....

OF



...FOUND IN CALIFORNIA

...AND ADJOINING REGIONS

OFFERED BY

A. H. ALVERSON

COLLECTOR AND DEALER IN . . .

CACTI AND SUCCULENTS



And Other
Curious and
Rare Plants

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA

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I PERSONALLY collect the plants I offer from this region, and select only the finest, some being entirely new to science and collections. The number may not be large, but, I trust, will be worthy of trial. I endeavor to give satisfaction in every instance, and try to make my patron my friend. Of Mexican, and sorts from other distant localities, I have a large collection, of which I will name only a few, as I do not personally collect these, and the variety is so large, the source of supply so uncertain, and the price rather high withal, it is almost impossible to keep a constant supply of good plants on hand. If, however, any of my friends wish any of these plants, I would be pleased to know their wishes, and probably I can supply the desired sort. The price, however, will depend entirely on the size and quality of the plants in stock.

NOTICE.

When ordering, it is well to give an additional or supplementary list of names, as a second choice, from which I may select to fill an order in case I may be out of some sorts first named, as it is very difficult to keep at all times a full stock, especially of the rarer kinds. I have the reputation of sending out the FINEST PLANTS ONLY, together with numerous extras free. CASH, therefore, should accompany each order, and I guarantee safe arrival either by mail or express.

SPECIALTIES.

Echinocactus Polyancistrus. An exceedingly rare and strikingly beautiful plant, with large magenta colored flowers. The plant has two sorts of spines—numerous round hooked and brownish pink, and fewer ivory white and not hooked. This plant occurs singly, and at widely separated localities; hence it has been called the "Hermit Cactus." So rare is this plant that even the government exploring and surveying expeditions brought in only six plants; but by the most diligent and persistent search I have secured about one to each two million inhabitants of the United States. I have the honor to be the first collector and dealer to place this plant on the market. Price, \$1.00, \$2.00 and \$3.00.

E. Polycephalum. A fine and quite rare, heavy red spined sort, growing naturally in clusters. Handsome young single plants, four to eight inches. Price, 50 cents and \$1.00.

E. Johnsonii. This rare and handsome plant has not before, I believe, been on the market in this country. Like E. Polyancistrus, it grows in out-of-the-way places, and has cost me much trouble to secure only a few. The spines are quite numerous and appear of nearly equal length—reddish ash color, turning when wet, into deep red. Price, 50 cents and \$1.00.

E. Cylindracens. Of this beautiful plant too much cannot be said. These plants differ greatly, both in color and length of spines. Some are bright red or pink; others light yellow and dove color. Price 25 and 50 cents. Also a new variety with enormously elongated and twisted spines and beautiful color. Large plants. Price, \$1.00 to \$5.00.

E. Whipplei. Of this rare plant I have only a limited stock, as they are even more difficult to find than E. Polyancistrus, so that I can accept only conditional orders. The spines are some white, flat and upright; others hooked. Price, 50 cents and \$1.00.

Cerens Mojavensis. This plant grows mostly in clusters of from five or ten to several hundred heads, the mass being sometimes several feet across, and weighing fifty to one hundred pounds or more. The flowers are about two inches across, numerous and blood red. Rooted cuttings, 25 and 50 cents, according to size.

Opuntia Bigelowii. A branched, tree-like plant with dense light yellow spines completely covering the whole plant. Flowers greenish yellow. Small plants and rooted joints, 15 to 50 cents.

California Grizzly Bear Cactus. I am also the first collector and dealer to place this remarkable plant before the public, which has been no easy matter, growing as it does in the almost inaccessible dry desert regions, where water and feed for the teams, as well as all camp equipage, has to be transported over the barren and burning sands and rocks for days and weeks in heavy wagons or on pack animals. Often water gives out before other tanks or springs are reached; then intense suffering ensues. Once our expedition was without water for two days. This plant cost me three separate expeditions before I found its hiding place. This curious plant is covered with tawny white hair or flexuous spines, some of which are from three to six inches long, and I have some extra fine specimens with these spines or hairs nine and twelve inches long. This plant has recently been named by Weber as *Opuntia Ursina*. Plants five to eight inches, 50 cents and \$1.00.

O. Basilaris Albaflora—I have the honor of being the first to discover and place this variety on the market. The joints are an even light green, rather small, but the flower is most magnificent, two or three inches across, the same shape as that of O. Cordata, and pure waxy white. A

single cluster only was found after a three-years search. The immaculate whiteness of this flower as compared with the vivid pink of *Cordata* or *Nevadensis* makes a beautiful contrast when blooming together. I have put the price of this exceedingly rare sort within the reach of all—25 cents, 50 cents and \$1.00.

✓ 0. **Chlorotica**—A rather large-growing, striking species. Joints generally superimposed, covered with bright yellow spines and long bristles, making a strong contrast with the surrounding vegetation. Cuttings and rooted joints, 25 and 50 cents.

✓ 0. **Tesselata**—A bushy plant with round stems, one-fourth to one-half inch in diameter, with numerous brown or golden yellow sheathed spines set on horizontally, mostly near the top of plant. Eight to twelve-inch plants or cuts, 25 and 50 cents.

✓ 0. **Tesselata (Var. Denudata)**—A spineless but very pretty variety, with smooth, spotted stems. Small, branched plants, 25 to 75 cents.

✓ 0. **Echiocarpa**—Tree-like, branching growth; round stems, with numerous glistening spines of various colors—yellow, white, etc. Rooted cuttings, 25 and 50 cents.

✓ 0. **Parryi**—A small, clavate form, with large brown and gray flat spines deflecting like the ribs of an umbrella. Rare in collections and, I believe, not before on the market in its true form. Procumbent or creeping habit; seldom more than four to six inches high, and might well be taken for a *cereus*. Small, single joints, 25 cents; clusters, 50 cents to \$1.00.

✓ 0. **Basilaris Cordata**—The smooth, spineless joints are mostly of a handsome shade of purple and green, and mostly of a decided heart shape. Flowers large and bright pink. Price, 25 to 50 cents.

✓ 0. **Basilaris Nevadensis**—A rare sort, with small and more pointed joints, with beautiful, large, dark pink flowers, two to two and one-half inches across. Price, 25 to 50 cents.

Echinocerens Engelmanni—I have extra good specimens of this sort. These plants grow mostly in large clusters, but in collecting I have selected only the finest single or double-stem plants, well rooted and bright spined. These vary in different plants from brown to yellow and white and black and white. All good sizes; large, purple or magenta flowers. Price, 25 to 50 cents.

✓ E. C. **Engelmanni Variegatus**—A handsome sort with long, black and white spines. Price, 25 to 75 cents.

✓ E. C. **Engelmanni Chrysocentrus**—A good variety with bright yellow and white spines. Price, 25 to 75 cents.

Mamillaria Phellosperma—This plant is becoming scarce. Flowers pink; blooms in fall; fruit bright red; soft, white, radial spines; centrals one to six, brown or black and hooked; very interesting; should be kept quite dry until growth begins, then given but little moisture. Price, 25 to 50 cents; clusters, 50 cents to \$1.00.

R ✓ M. **Alversonii**—Named for me by President John M. Coulter, of the Lake Forest University, Illinois, and described in a Government Revision of the Cactaceae recently published. Sixty to eighty short, stout, gray spines, tipped with black or brown, on each tubercle; fruit grayish green, and edible. Single and in clusters, 25 to 75 cents.

CRISTATAS AND MONSTROSITIES.

✓ **Opuntia Echinocarpa Cristata**—Several plants of this sort of various sizes, from two to ten inches high, flattened and twisted into many curious and grotesque shapes; quite densely covered with spines about half an inch long. It would be difficult to describe all accurately, but prices range from 50 cents to \$5.00.

✓ 0. **Basilaris Monstrosus**—Several forms widely differing. All curious and good. Price, 25 cents to \$5.00.

✓ 0. **Tesselata Cristata**—Certainly a handsome and curious form. The stem and branches of the natural plant are small, and the little fans or cristate parts are only about a half an inch to an inch and a half across, but many of them on an old plant are a curious sight. Two or more fans with part of branch make a small but pretty plant. Price, according to number of fans, 50 cents to \$1.00.

✓ 0. *Cylindrica Monstrosa* or *Cristata*--50 cents and \$1.00.
 ✓ 0. *Eugeniae Monstrosa* or *Cristata*--Large plants, \$1.00 to \$5.00; smaller roots or cuttings, 50 cents to \$1.00.
 ✓ 0. *Bernardina Cristata*--Some curious growths, 50 cents to \$2.00.
 ✓ 0. *Lurida Cristata*--Good fans, \$1.00 to \$2.00.
 ✓ 0. *Monacantha Variegata*--Beautifully mottled and streaked--green, white and pink. Price, 15 to 50 cents.
Cereus Flagelliformis Cristata--The "Elk Horn Cactus," one of the best and most curious. Small grafts, rooted, soon grow to large proportions. Price, 50 cents to \$5.00.
 ✓ C. *Formosus Monstrosus*--On own root, 25 to 75 cents.
 ✓ C. *Perniciosa Monstrosa*--Small rooted plants, 50 cents, \$1.00 and \$2.00.
Echinopsis Multiplex Cristata--Curiously contorted, 50 cents to \$2.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

✓ *Hemitelia Californica*--The "Yerba Mansa" of the Mexicans, much used for medicine. Price, 25 to 50 cents.
 ✓ *Kleinia Articulata*--or "Candle Plant," a curious growth from Africa. Price, 10 to 25 cents.
 ✓ *Echidnopsis Cereiformis*--Not a cactus, but another curious leafless African plant, resembling an ear of green corn. Price, 15 to 50 cents.
 ✓ *Fouquiera Splendens*--The so-called Spanish "Crown of Thorns." Price, 25 to 50 cents.
 ✓ *Roechea Falcatia*--A strange-looking plant, bearing handsome flowers. Price, 15 to 50 cents.
 ✓ *Chlorogalum Pomeridianum*--The bulb looks like a cocoanut, and is used by the Indians as soap. Price, 25 to 50 cents.
Sansevieria Zeylanica--Spotted leaved ornamental plant. Price, 25 to 50 cents.
Pedilanthus Tithymaloides--An Euphorbiad from Cuba. Price, 25 to 50 cents.
Brophyllum Calycinum--Or "Sprouting Leaf," a plant of easy growth. Price, 10 to 25 cents.
 ✓ *Sedum Perfoliatum*--Leaves look like beads on a string. Price, 15 to 25 cents.
 ✓ *Sempervivum Araenoides*--"Spider-web Plant," a pretty and strange plant. Price, 15 to 25 cents.
 ✓ *Dyckia Remotiflora*--An orchid. Price, 50 cents to \$1.00.
Eichornia Crassipes--Water hyacinth or orchid lily, an aquatic with beautiful flowers. Price, 15 to 25 cents.
Myriophyllum Proserpinacoides--Or "Parrot's Feather," another pretty aquatic.
Pelecyphora Aselliformis--So-called "Hatchet Cactus," a strange plant. Price, 25 to 50 cents.
Astrophytum Myriostigma--Or "Bishop's Cap," a curious plant. Price, 25 and 50 cents.
Kleinia Nerifolia--Another curious plant, with nice, sweet-scented, long-lasting flowers. Price, 25 to 50 cents.
 ✓ *Rimex Hymeno Sepals*--Also known as "Canaigre." The tuberous roots are used for tanning skins for leather. Large, bulbous roots, 25 to 50 cents.
 ✓ *Opuntia Porteri*, or *Pereskia Porteri*--A NEW sort from Baja California. Will trail over supports like a climbing rose; very rare. Small plants, 25 to 75 cents.
Pereskia Aculeata--A lemon-leaf cactus; a well-known trailing sort, with beautiful flowers. Price, 15 to 25 cents.
 ✓ P. *Bleo*--A long-spined sort, with leaves. Price, 25 to 50 cents.
 ✓ P. *Subulata*--A curious, tree-like sort, with long, yellow spines and terete or subulate leaves on the younger growth. Price, 25 and 50 cents.

Anhalonium.

Fi-suratum.....	25	50	Prismaticum.....	50	1 00	
Sulcalumi.....	75	1 00	Williamsii.....	25	50	X

These plants have at various times been classed under many different genera, Mamillaria, Echinocactus, Aricocarps, etc. For convenience we will at present list them under the well known name of Anhalonium.

Pereskia.

Aculeata.....	15	25	Subulata.....	25	50	
Bleo.....	25	50				

Rhipsalis.

Cassytha.....	10	25	Pachyptera	15	25	X
Cylindrica.....	10	15	Rhombea	15	25	X
Funalis	10	25	Salicornoides.....	10	25	X
Mineatorta.....	15	25	Saglionis	10	25	X

Echinopsis.

Eyriesii—white flowers	15	50	Turbinata.....	15	50	
Multiplex—pink flowers	15	50				

CHECK LIST.

CEREUS.

	PRICE.			PRICE.			
Atropurpureus	\$	50	1 00	Marginatus, new	\$	50	1 00
Alamocensis.....	50	75		Mexicanus	25	50	
Baumanni	50	75		Marginatus.....	25	1 00	
Cochal	50	1 00		Mojavensis.....	25	1 00	
Colubrinus	25	1 00		Macdonaldi	25	50	
Dumortieri	75	2 00		Nycticalus	25	50	
Emoryi	25	50		Peruvianus.....	50	6 00	
Edulis	1 00	2 00		Platigonius	50	1 00	
Eruca.....	50	2 00		Peruvianus Monstrosus..	75	2 00	
Flagelliformis.....	15	25		Regelii	25	50	
Formosus Monstrosus ..	50	1 00		Serpentinus	25	50	
Fragilis.....	15	25		Speciosissimus	60	75	
Gumosus	50	1 00		Splendens	25	50	
Grandiflorus.....	15	50		Spachianus	50	2 00	
Gemmatus.....	50	1 00		Triglochidiatus	50	1 00	
Geometrizans	50	1 00		Thurberii	50	1 00	
Giganteus.....	1 00	5 00		Tringularis.....	15	75	
Greggi.....	50	2 00		Tortuosus	25	75	
Jamacaru	1 00	6 00		Tuberosus	25	50	
Lagenæformis.....	2 00	50		Variabilis	25	75	

PILOCEREUS.

Senilis	25	5 00	Sargentianus (Schottii)...	1 00	3 00	
Schottii.....	1 00	3 00				

ECHINOCACTUS.

Cornigerus.....	75	1 00	Polycephalus	50	1 00	
Cylindraceus.....	15	3 00	Polyancistrus	1 00	5 00	
Chrysacanthus	1 00	2 00	Setispinus	25	75	
Grusonii	1 60	3 00	Texensis	25	75	
Horizonthalonium ..	50	1 00	Viridescens	15	50	
Johnsonii.....	50	1 00	Whipplei	1 00	3 00	
LeContei.....	50	5 00				

ECHINOCEREUS.

Berlandieri	10	50	Engelmanni	Chrysocen-			
Cæspitosus.....	15	25		trus	15	50	
Candicans (Rainbow).....	25	50	Fendleri	25	50		
Chloranthus.....	25	50	Procumbens	25	50		
Enneacanthus	15	25	Pectinatus	15	25		
Engelmanni	15	50	Rigidissimus (Rainbow) ..	25	50		
Engelmanni Variegatus ..	25	75					

ECIHNOPSIS.

Eyriesii.....	25	50	Oxygona.....	25	50
Mullerii.....	25	50	Turlinata.....	25	50
Multiplex.....	25	50			

EPIPHYLLUM.

Gaertneri.....	25	50	Truncatum.....	15	25
Russellianum.....	15	25	Macoyanum.....	25	50

OPUNTIA.

Arenaria.....	15	25	Monacantha.....	10	35
Bernardina.....	15	25	Monacantha Variegata.....	25	50
Bigelowii.....	25	50	Microdasys—variety.....	15	25
Basilaris.....	15	25	Microdasys.....	10	25
Basilaris Nevadensis.....	25	50	Nigricans.....	15	25
Basilaris Cordata.....	15	25	Occidentalis.....	10	15
Chlorotica.....	25	50	Parryi.....	15	25
Cylindrica.....	25	75	Porteri.....	25	50
Cylindrica Cristata.....	50	100	Rutila.....	25	50
Davisi.....	25	50	Senilis.....	15	25
Engelmanni.....	10	15	Subulata—Pereskia.....	25	50
Echinocarpa.....	15	25	Tesselata.....	15	25
Emoryi.....	10	15	Tesselata Depudata.....	10	15
Fulgida.....	15	15	Tesselata deñ Cristata ..	50	100
Frutescens.....	10	25	Tuna Glauca.....	25	50
Ficus Indica.....	10	15	Tuna Glabra	25	50
Grahami.....	15	25	Tuna Communis	25	50
Glaucophylla.....	25	50	Ursina	25	100
Invicta—new.....	50	75	Vulgaris	10	15
Leucospina.....	25	50			

PHYLLOCACTUS.

Ackermannii.....	10	25	Peacockii	50	100
Anguliger.....	25	50	Roseus Superbus.....	10	25
Hookeri			Wrayi.....	10	25
Latifrons.....	15	25			

MAMILLARIA.

Alversonii.....	25	75	Microthele	25	50
Cornifera	50	75	Nickelsii	25	50
Carnea.....	50	75	Pectinata	25	50
Compacta.....	25	75	Pusilla	25	50
Elegans.....	25	100	Phellosperma	25	50
Grahamii.....	25	50	Radiana	50	100
Goodridgei—dioica	15	50	Roseana	50	100
Greggi.....	25	50	Rodantha Brunea	50	76
Lasiacantha.....	20	75	Stella Aurata	15	20
Micromeris.....	25	50	Uncinata	50	75
Minima.....	10	25	Vetula	25	50
Macromeris	25	50	Wrightii	25	75
Meiacantha.....	75	100	Wildiana	25	75

SUCCULENTS.

ALOE.

X Africana	25	50	Paniculata	25	50
Arborescens.....	25	75	Picta	25	50
Gracilis	25	50	Saponaria	25	50
X Grandidentata.....	25	75	Scilliaris	25	50
Latifolia	25	50	Vera	15	50
Lizard Tongue.....	15	25	Variegata	15	50
X Medica	10	50			

GASTERIA.

Lingua.....	10	25	Spiralis Receda.....	X	15	50
Maculata.....	25	50	Verrucosa.....	X	25	50
Punctata.....	10	25				

COTYLEDON.

Agavoides.....	X	50	100	Metallica.....	X	25	50
Attenuata.....		10	25	Nevadensis.....		10	15
Arborescens.....		10	25	Orbicularia.....		10	25
Californica.....		10	25	Orientalis.....		25	50
Corvoii.....		10	25	Perbelli.....	X	25	50
Crispa.....		25	50	Pulverulenta.....		15	25
Edulis.....		10	25	Rosea.....		50	75
Farinosa.....		10	15	Secunda Glauca.....		10	15
Hoveyi.....	X	25	50	Thomanii.....	X	25	50
Liskii.....		25	50				

STAPELIA.

Grandiflora.....	X	15	25	Gigantea.....	X	25	50
Glabraflora.....	X	15	25	Variegata.....	X	20	15

AGAVE.

Americana.....		10	25	Mexicana Recurvata.....		25	50
Americana variegata.....	X	25	50	Subulata.....		50	75
Microcantha.....		50	100	Victoria Regina.....	X	50	3 00
Maculata.....		50	50				

CRASSULA.

Arborea.....	X	25	50	Falcata (Rochea).....	X	15	25
Bolusii.....	X	10	25	Gracilis.....	X	10	25
Cordata.....	X	15	25	Lactea.....	X	10	25
Coccinea.....		15	25	Perfoliatum.....	X	15	25
Calycinum (bryophyllum)		10	25	Rotundifolia.....	X	15	50

EUPHORBIA.

Abyssinica.....	X	100	200	Lactea.....	X	25	50
Clandestina.....	X	50	100	Mammillosa.....	X	25	75
Cereiformis.....	X	25	50	Misera.....		25	50
Canariensis.....	X	50	100	Meloformis.....	X	100	3 00
Caput Medusa.....	X	50	200	Nereifolia.....	X	50	1 00
Dendroides.....		25	75	Pulcherrima—Poinsettia.....		25	50
Granti.....		25	50	Polygona.....	X	25	50
Grandicornis.....	X	50	100	Regis Jubæ.....		25	75
Grandidens.....	X	25	50	Rhipsaloides.....		50	1 00
Havanensis.....		25	50	Splendens.....	X	10	25
Hermantiana.....	X	50	200	Tirucalli.....		25	50
Havanensis Cristata.....		75	150				

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Others

HAWORTHIA.

Atrovirens.....		15	25	Papillosa.....		15	50
Cymbiformis.....	X	25	50	Radula.....		15	50
Granata.....		25	50	Rugosa.....	X	25	50
Longiaristata.....	X	15	25	Subpapillosa.....		15	50
Margaritifera Minima.....		25	50	Translutescens.....	X	15	25
Margaritifera.....		15	50	Tesselata.....	X	25	50

MESEMBRYANTHEMUM.

Crystallianum.....		15	25	Linguaformis.....	X	25	50
Deltoideum.....	X	15	25	Tigrinum.....	X	25	50
Deltoideum Major.....		25	50	Edule.....		15	75

YUCCA

Arborescens.....		25	75	Tricolor.....		50	1 00
Baccata.....		25	75	Variegata.....		50	1 00
Elaata Alba Marginata.....		100	200	Whipplei.....		25	50

SPECIAL OFFER NO. 1.

There are many people who, for various good reasons, had rather have small cuttings or very small plants than the full sized and often high priced specimens. There are many sorts from which cuttings or small offsets can be taken, and there are also sometimes found very small plants, often too small to be typical or show character of the species, but healthy and well rooted, which with a little growth will develop into fine specimens. Of these cuttings and small plants I offer many plants in this catalogue at the uniform price of ten cents each, in lots of not less than ten, assorted, or of one kind, as preferred—provided I have such on hand; if not, I will make up the number from my own choice. Or, you may send names of double, or more, the number paid for, from which I may more readily make a selection, if in stock. No order filled for less than one dollar.

SPECIAL OFFER NO. 2.

For one dollar I will send postpaid, of my choice, twenty cuttings or small plants of cacti, or succulents, or assorted, of each as may be desired. The purchaser may, if so disposed, name half of the plants desired, and I will put in what I can and make up the balance from my choice—all named.

For \$2.00 to \$10.00 extras will be put in free. The larger the amount the more extras you will receive.

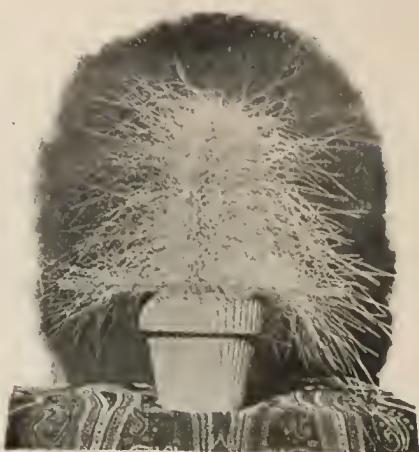
You get the small plants or small cuttings by mail or express, prepaid, at a very small cost, and you have the pleasure of seeing your pets grow under your care.

When you receive your Cactus, cut off all bruised roots, set on a bed or deep box of sand. Do not water often, but do not let the sand quite dry out. When the plant is rooted, pot off or plant. See that your soil is well drained and water cautiously only in the growing season.

When errors occur, patrons will confer a favor by advising me of the same at once. I take the utmost care to prevent errors, and will cheerfully correct when the fault is mine.



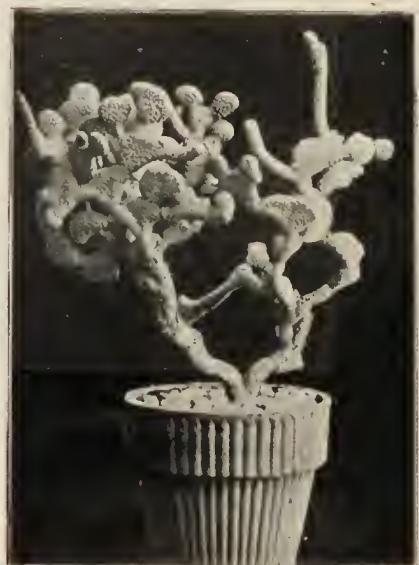
ECHINOCACTUS POLYANCISTRUS.
(*Hermit.*)



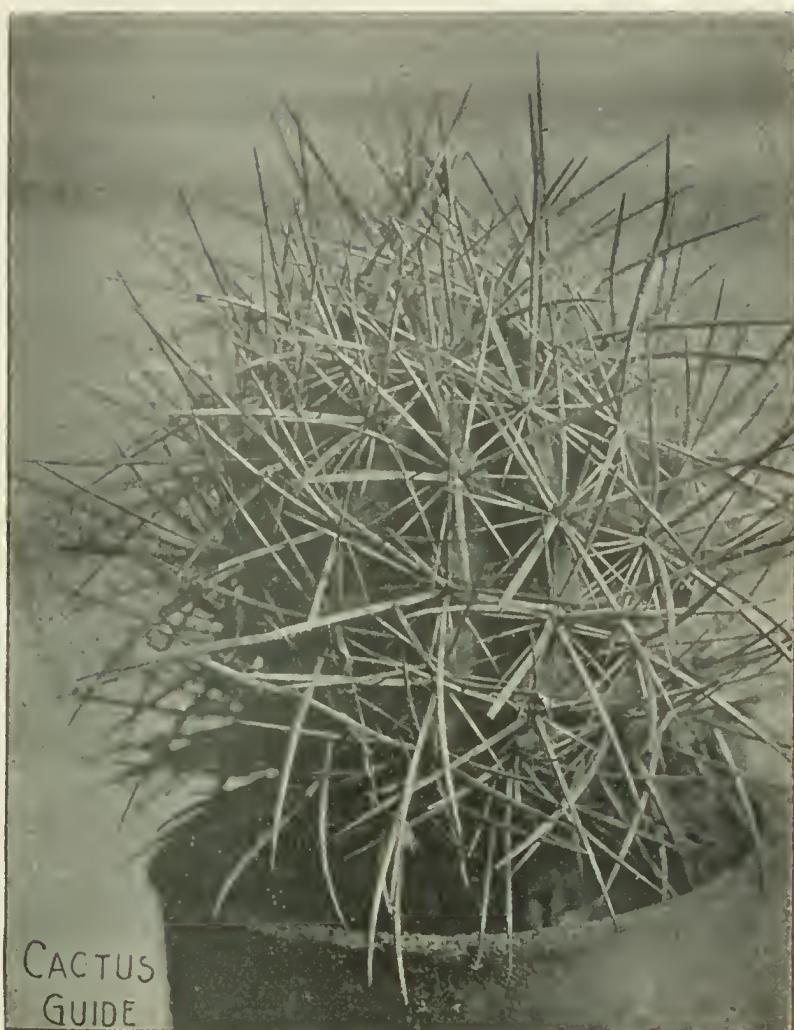
OPUNTIA URSINA.
(*Grizzly Bear.*)



MAMILLARIA ALVERSONII.



OPUNTIA TESSELLATA.
Var. *Denudata Cristata.*



ECHINOCACTUS JOHNSONII.

